

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1343 without my signature.

I am a strong supporter of child care programs and want to see the entire child care and school readiness system reformed to provide better services to families. However, there are current systems in place that make the processes established by this bill duplicative and unnecessary. Current law already requires that the California Department of Education develop a master plan for child care and development, and infant and toddler care may be included in this process and avoid possible duplication of efforts.

Therefore, I am unable to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger